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SUBJECT: ASSISTANT SECRETARY BUFFUM'S OCT. 21 MEETING WITH

AUSTRIAN AMBASSADOR

CAPETOWN FOR EMBASSY

- 1. ON OCTOBER 21 AMBASSADOR ARNO HALUSA CALLED ON ASSIST-ANT SECRETARY BUFFUM. HE DISCUSSED (A) VIENNA AS A THIRD UN CITY AND (B) PROPOSED EXPULSION OF SOUTH AFRICA FROM UN.
- 2. AMBASSADOR HALUSA FIRST INDICATED GOA CONCERN ABOUT REPORT US WAS OPPOSED TO UNGA ACCEPTANCE OF AUSTRIAN OFFER TO UN. HE POINTED OUT THAT AUSTRIA PROPOSED TO RENT SECRETARIAT AND CONFERENCE FACILITIES AT ONE SCHILLING PER LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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YEAR AND SUGGESTED THIS GENEROUS OFFER WAS ADVANTAGEOUS

TO UN. SECRETARY BUFFUM ASSURED THE AMBASSADOR THAT THE US APPRECIATED THE GOA OFFER AND WAS STUDYING IT CAREFULLY WITH AN OPEN MIND. IN REPLY TO QUESTION AMBASSADOR HALUSA SAID HE EXPECTED CHANCELLOR KREISKY WOULD RAISE THIS MATTER IN HIS MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT. RE VAT HALUSA STATED IT WAS BUT A VISIBLE TAX AT THE END OF PRODUCTION IN LIEU OF HIDDEN TAXES AT VARIOUS STAGES ALONG PRODUCTION LINE. SECRETARY BUFFUM SUGGESTED GOA MIGHT WANT TO TAKE A NEW LOOK AT IT IN RELATION TO THE DIPLOMATIC COMMUNITY.

3. AMBASSADOR HALUSA NEXT ASKED ABOUT US POSITION ON PROPOSAL TO EXPEL SOUTH AFRICA FROM UN, AND ASKED IF US WOULD VETO. SECRETARY BUFFUM DETAILED US OBJECTIONS TO PROPOSAL AND SAID WE HOPED THERE WOULD BE SUFFICIENT ABSTENTIONS TO KILL IT. KISSINGER

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